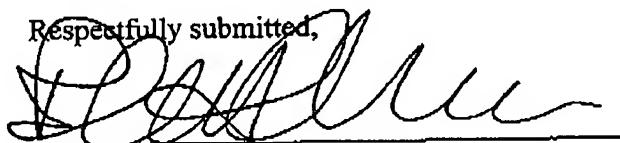


REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated October 29, 2004, and pursuant to a teleconference with Legal Instruments Examiner Sheila Green on November 17, 2004, the applicants respectfully submit the full set of claims in the above referenced application, even those not amended, herewith. Pursuant to the instructions of Ms. Green, the entire amendment is not being resubmitted; only the full set of claims, with amendments thereto being underlined or struck through, are submitted herewith.

If anything further is required to substantively examine this amendment and application, please contact the undersigned as soon as possible. Notwithstanding such, and as set forth in the full amendment previously filed, the applicants assert that the amendments now make all remaining claims 1-5, 8, 9, and 11-21 are now in a condition for allowance and respectfully requests an early notice to that effect.

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